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SUBJECT: HAITIAN SUGAR IMPORTS

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 1425

1. SECTION 202 (D) (3) OF U.S. SUGAR ACT STATES: "NO QUOTA SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FOR ANY COUNTRY, OTHER THAN IRELAND, FOR THE YEAR FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 30 PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUOTAS FOR SUCH YEAR, IN WHICH ITS AGGREGATE IMPORTS OF SUGAR EXCEEDED ITS AGGREGATE EXPORTS OF SUGAR FROM SUCH COUNTRY TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES."

2. DEPT AND USDA HAVE NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE HAITI IMPORTED SUGAR IN TWO-YEAR PERIOD PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 1973. IF THIS IS SO, AND IF SHORTFALL IN HAITI 1973 QUOTA FOUND BY USDA TO BE DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE, REPORTED FUTURE IMPORTS WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE 1974 HAITIAN QUOTA ALLOCATION.

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3. DEPT AND USDA ARE HOWEVER CONCERNED CONSISTENT HAITIAN INABILITY TO FILL FULL ALLOCATIONS IN U.S. MARKET. GOH SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WHEN SUGAR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED IN PAST, PERFORMANCE IN MEETING FULL ENTITLEMENTS HAS BEEN IMPORTANT CRITERION IN ASSIGNING NEW QUOTAS. SUGAR LEGISLATION WILL BE REVIEWED IN 1974. FURTHER, IF NEW LEGISLATION CONTAINS SECTION SIMILAR TO 202 (D) (3), ANY

HAITIAN QUOTA IN 1975 COULD BE THREATENED UNLESS 1974 EXPORTS TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES EXCEED AMOUNT OF IMPORTS REQUIRED NOW.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD PASS SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TO DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. RUSH

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